

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A ~~histamine release inhibitory~~ composition ~~inhibitor~~, comprising at least one material selected from the group consisting of a pectin, [[or]] a salt thereof, [[or]] and a pectin hydrolysate thereof, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier as an active ingredient, wherein the pectin is a high methoxyl pectin having an esterification degree ranging from 50% to 90%, and wherein the pectin does not comprise a low methoxyl pectin, salt thereof, or hydrolysate thereof.

Claims 2-3 (Canceled).

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): The ~~histamine release inhibitor~~ composition of claim 1, comprising the pectin hydrolysate, wherein the pectin hydrolysate is oligogalacturonic acid and/or polygalacturonic acid with a polymerization degree between 2 and 100.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): The ~~histamine release inhibitor~~ composition of claim 1, comprising the pectin hydrolysate, wherein the pectin hydrolysate is an oligosaccharide comprising 1 type or 2 or more types selected from the group consisting of galacturonic acid, rhamnose, arabinose, xylose, fucose, and galactose as a constituent.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): A method of treating at least one disease in a subject in need thereof comprising administering the composition of claim 1 to the subject in an amount sufficient to treat the at least one disease, wherein the at least one disease is selected from the group consisting of ~~The histamine release inhibitor of any one of claims 1 to 5,~~

~~which is for preventing and/or treating~~ allergic rhinitis, atopic dermatitis, urticaria, bronchial asthma, peptic ulcer, ~~and/or~~ and pollinosis.

Claims 7-9 (Canceled).

Claim 10: (New): A method of inhibiting histamine release in a subject in need thereof, comprising administering the composition of claim 1 to the subject in need thereof in an amount sufficient to inhibit the histamine release.

Claim 11 (New): The composition of claim 1, wherein the pharmaceutically acceptable carrier is at least one material selected from the group consisting of an excipient, an extending agent, a binder, a moisten agent, a disintegrating agent, a surfactant, a lubricant, a dispersing agent, a buffer, and a preservative.

Claim 12 (New): The composition of claim 1, further comprising an additive selected from the group consisting of an antiseptic, an antioxidant, a colorant, a corrigent, an aromatic, and a coating.

Claim 13 (New): A method of preventing at least one disease in a subject in need thereof comprising administering the composition of claim 1 to the subject in an amount sufficient to prevent the at least one disease, wherein the at least one disease is selected from the group consisting of allergic rhinitis, atopic dermatitis, urticaria, bronchial asthma, peptic ulcer, and pollinosis.

Claim 14: (New): A method of inhibiting histamine release in a subject in need thereof, comprising administering the composition of claim 4 to the subject in need thereof in an amount sufficient to inhibit the histamine release.

Claim 15: (New): A method of inhibiting histamine release in a subject in need thereof, comprising administering the composition of claim 5 to the subject in need thereof in an amount sufficient to inhibit the histamine release.

Claim 16 (New): The composition of claim 1, comprising the pectin.

Claim 17 (New): The composition of claim 1, comprising the salt of the pectin.

Claim 18 (New): The composition of claim 1, comprising the pectin hydrosylate.

Claim 19 (New): The composition of claim 4, wherein the pectin hydrolysate comprises an oligogalacturonic acid.

Claim 20 (New): The composition of claim 4, wherein the pectin hydrolysate comprises a polygalacturonic acid.

Claim 21 (New): The composition of claim 4, wherein the pectin hydrolysate comprises oligogalacturonic acid and polygalacturonic acid.

Claim 22 (New): A method of treating at least one disease in a subject in need thereof comprising administering the composition of claim 4 to the subject in an amount sufficient to treat the at least one disease, wherein the at least one disease is selected from the group consisting of allergic rhinitis, atopic dermatitis, urticaria, bronchial asthma, peptic ulcer, and pollinosis.

Claim 23 (New): A method of treating at least one disease in a subject in need thereof comprising administering the composition of claim 5 to the subject in an amount sufficient to treat the at least one disease, wherein the at least one disease is selected from the group consisting of allergic rhinitis, atopic dermatitis, urticaria, bronchial asthma, peptic ulcer, and pollinosis.

Claim 24 (New): A method of treating at least one disease in a subject in need thereof comprising administering the composition of claim 16 to the subject in an amount sufficient to treat the at least one disease, wherein the at least one disease is selected from the group consisting of allergic rhinitis, atopic dermatitis, urticaria, bronchial asthma, peptic ulcer, and pollinosis.

Claim 25 (New): A method of treating at least one disease in a subject in need thereof comprising administering the composition of claim 17 to the subject in an amount sufficient to treat the at least one disease, wherein the at least one disease is selected from the group

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consisting of allergic rhinitis, atopic dermatitis, urticaria, bronchial asthma, peptic ulcer, and pollinosis.

Claim 26 (New): The composition of Claim 1, wherein the pectin hydrolysate comprises an oligosaccharide of arabinose.